

FRIDAY, February 2d, 1838.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Harrison presented the annual report of the commissioners of the school fund of Queen Anne's county,

Which was read and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Iglehart presented a petition of sundry citizens of the 4th, 5th and 6th districts in Anne Arundel county, praying the passage of a law extending the county levy to a sum sufficient to pay the expenses of primary schools, in said county,

Which was read and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

Mr. Roberts presented a petition of Samuel Harper, Thomas H. Kemp, and one hundred and thirty-eight other citizens of Queen Anne's county, praying that the dam across Kent Narrows, at Kent Island, may not be opened,

Which was read and referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

Mr. Denny presented a petition of sundry citizens of Talbot county, praying for an act for the further protection of oysters within the waters of said county, and for other purposes,

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Denny, Kerr and Boyle, of Talbot.

Mr. Sollers presented a petition of John Dare, of Calvert county, praying that a lottery may be granted him to enable him to dispose of certain real estate therein mentioned,

Which was read and referred to the committee on lotteries.

Mr. Simmons submitted the following message, which was read, assented to and sent to the senate:

By the House of Delegates,
February 2d, 1838.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

Believing that the present is a propitious period of time for the establishment of a real estate bank or a State bank, we propose with the concurrence of your honorable body, to appoint a joint committee to confer upon and endeavour to propose such a system of banking and financial operations as might meet the approbation of the Legislature.

It seems to be admitted that under due and proper restrictions and limitations, the one or the other of these propositions might be adopted and made auxiliary to the general welfare. Whilst many object to the real estate bank, on the score of expediency, with reference to an extension of the public credit, which it would necessarily require, but that objection does not apply to a State bank, as the State possesses within her treasury abundant means for such a purpose, and the accredited action of the institution might elicit resources which are latent, or unknown; stimulate enterprise, in-